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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

For the third regular session of the Executive Board
to be held at United Nations Headquarters from
9 to 12 September 1997

SUMMARY

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the third regular session of 1997 of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable for the session.

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work
[FOR ACTION]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the 1997 programme of work adopted by the Board at its third regular session in September 1996 (E/ICEF/1996/12/Rev.1, decision 1996/36). The timetable and organization of work are contained in the annex.

The Bureau was consulted on the provisional agenda and timetable (CF/EB/1997/048 of 27 June 1997).

Draft decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. UNICEF and the United Nations reform process

At the annual session held from 2-6 May 1997, Board members expressed their desire to discuss questions related to United Nations reform at the third regular session. The Executive Board will have the opportunity for such discussions under this agenda item.

4. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation
[FOR ACTION]

There are a total of 21 country programme recommendations (CPRs) before the Board for approval. Of those, 9 have been prepared as addenda to the country notes considered by the Board at its first regular session in January, pursuant to decision 1995/8 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1). In accordance with that decision, those CPRs will be approved on a "no objection" basis, and any Board member wishing that a particular country programme be brought before the Board for discussion is required to inform the secretariat of its intention in writing by Friday, 29 August.

The breakdown by region is as follows: West and Central Africa - Cameroon, Guinea-Bissau and Mali (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.1/Add.1-E/ICEF/1997/P/L.3/Add.1); Americas and the Caribbean - Bolivia, Venezuela and multi-country programme for the Eastern Caribbean (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.4/Add.1-E/ICEF/1997/P/L.6/Add.1); East Asia and the Pacific - Lao People's Democratic Republic and Papua New Guinea (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.7/Add.1 and E/ICEF/1997/P/L.8/Add.1); and the Middle East and North Africa - Jordan (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.10/Add.1).

In addition, there are 12 other CPRs, either for short-duration ("bridging"), additional general resources or stand-alone supplementary funding proposals, submitted for Board approval. They include Burundi; Rwanda; the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Sierra Leone; Haiti; the subregional programme for the Andean region (Programa de la region Andina) (PROANDES); India; Algeria; the Islamic Republic of Iran; Iraq; Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the West Bank and Gaza; and the multi-country programme for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.19-E/ICEF/1997/P/L.30).

The "round-up" paper (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.18) summarizes the 1997 recommendations for general resources and supplementary funding proposals.

5. Implementation of management excellence in UNICEF
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1997/AB/L.12 and E/ICEF/1997/AB/L.13]

This document responds to Executive Board decision 1996/32 (E/ICEF/1996/12/Rev.1) on the management excellence process. In that decision, the secretariat was requested to submit a progress report on oversight that would include, inter alia, "an update on the development of a framework of roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for UNICEF, detailed information about the activities of the Office of Internal Audit and a comprehensive report on the strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation functions". The Executive Board is requested to endorse the approach contained in this report.

Under this agenda item, the Board will also have before it document E/ICEF/1997/AB/L.13, which represents the proposals made by the so-called Group of Volunteers of the Executive Board on the delineation of responsibilities between the Executive Board and the secretariat. It is presented for consideration by the Executive Board.

6. Supply operations
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1997/AB/L.14]

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will have before it a description of the orientation and approach of the Supply Division based on the management excellence process.

7. Financial medium-term plan for the period 1997-2000
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1997/AB/L.10]

Presented annually as mandated in its decision 1990/1 (E/ICEF/1990/13), the Executive Board is requested to approve the financial medium-term plan for the period 1997-2000.

8. Briefing of key issues to be included in the 1998-1999 integrated budget

An oral presentation will be made, accompanied by a conference room paper (E/ICEF/1997/CRP.28), to provide an overview of issues in the 1998-1999 integrated budget.

9. UNICEF interim financial report and statements
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1997/AB/L.11)

Submitted to the Executive Board for information, this document contains the financial report on the accounts of UNICEF for the year ended 31 December 1996, the first year of the biennium 1996-1997.

10. Oral report on decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council

In view of the fact that the Economic and Social Council would still be in session beyond the deadline for the submission of documents for the present session to the United Nations for processing, it was agreed that the secretariat would report orally on issues of concern to UNICEF related to the conclusions and follow-up of the Council's 1997 substantive session. A more comprehensive report will be submitted to the Board at its second regular session of 1998.

11. World Health Organization/UNICEF/United Nations Population Fund Coordinating Committee on Health: proposed terms of reference
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1997/21]

The Executive Board is requested to consider and approve terms of reference for the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health and may, under this agenda item, also comment further on the report of the thirty-first session of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Health Policy presented at the annual Board session in June (E/ICEF/1997/19).

12. Programme of work for 1998
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1997/CRP.27]

The Executive Board will consider the issues to be addressed at its 1998 sessions and its programme of work, including the allocation of items and organization of work.

13. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate under this agenda item.

14. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

PROPOSED TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF 1997 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 9-12 SEPTEMBER*

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FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER	a.m.	Item 12	Programme of work for 1998
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		Item 14	Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item on the agenda will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.